

'60

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Classmates! I'm looking forward to 60 for 60!! Are you? Next year in September we will be celebrating '60s, 60th year from graduation. More details will be coming as the date nears but we're going to have a great one.

From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

✉ Bill, the May DC luncheon featured a presentation on Saudi Arabia by Les Janka, a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Near East who also at different times served as a staff expert for that region on the National Security Council staff under Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Reagan.

Les provided a range of interesting insights on the Kingdom stemming from his extensive involvement in that country, where he ran a business enterprise for a number of years. He also had a few things to say about his good friend Jamal Khashoggi, the Saudi dissident, author, and columnist for the *Washington Post*, who was assassinated by agents of the Saudi government last October.

A great discussion followed between Les and those in attendance, including: **Ron Burdge (9)**, Martha and **George Dowell (19)**, **Dennis Hickey (22)**, **Jim Maxfield (7)**, Becky and **Dick Pariseau (1)**, **Bud Pezet (13)** and Fae Daniels, **Grant Sharp (19)**, Jeanne and **Tom Solak (2)**, Dolly and **Gene Tucker (9)**, Daren and yours truly.

The June lunch will be hosted by our West Point brethren and will focus on how the US got involved in Vietnam. —Doug



'60: The DC lunch bunch plus guests and speaker, including L to R: Ron Burdge, Gene Tucker, George Dowell, Dick Pariseau, Les Janka, Jim Maxfield, Dennis Hickey, Grant Sharp, Bud Pezet, Tom Solak, and Doug Johnston

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ Dear Classmates, I visited **Mike Treacy (20)** recently in his home. Had a nice chat with him about various matters and he seems to be doing quite well. He asked to be remembered to all of you. Here's a photo of Mike and the Oz taken by his lovely wife Joan. She asked that we hold them both in our prayers. God bless. Oz



From **Ed Clepton (10)**:

✉ Regarding the spring Alumni golf tournament in Va. Beach; "a couple '58s beat us out of the \$\$, but it was recorded that **Redskin Rod (Friedmann) (5)** birdying hole 14 on his own ball, drive, shot to the green and drop dead putt won hole of the day. Way to go, Rod!

There was only one grad older than us, a fellow from '59, who served with our **Paul Cooper (5)**. —Ed

From **Ray Burkley (2)**:

✉ Bill; Attached is a picture of the Class of '60 luncheon in Northern

California on May 22, 2019 hosted by Dan Affourtit at the Villages restaurant in San Jose. Pictured include Raymond Burkley (2), Dan Affourtit (24), Kevin Ryan (4), Bob Bourke (1) and Charlie Roberts (20). Bob and Charlie made the trek up from Monterey CA to join the Santa Clara County classmates. Everyone is in reasonably good shape for their age and enjoying retirement. Best Regards, Raymond.

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ Dear Bill, finally after three years we had beautiful weather and a great day of camaraderie for the 2019 Class of 1960 LPGA tournament at Kingsmill. Attending were Bob Antonio (14), John Claman (3), Paul Cooper (5), Bill Kee (9), Jack Greenhalgh (9), Pete Chabot (14), Willie Kee, Dick Hamon (8), Al Whitaker (16), Jack Suddath (6), Joel Febel (5), and yours truly plus all their lovely ladies. Also Pro Caddy Jodie Keepers joined us for the afternoon after he completed his rounds. Al brought his Alewerks beer and everyone brought a ton of food. But, as usual, most of it was gone by the end of the day. Thanks to all who participated.



Paul Cooper, Al Whitaker, Pete Chabot, and Jack Suddath



Willie Kee, Bill Kee, and Jack Greenhalgh



Simmons Funeral

Charlie Simmons' (9) life was celebrated recently in Port Orchard, WA.: I received photo from Karen & **Grant Plummer (6)** **Ron Burdge (9)** from Maryland, **Norm Slezak (9)** from Virginia, Barbara Simmons, **John Groth (9)** from Georgia, Karen and **Grant Plummer (6)** from Washington. Marietta & **Jack Whitely (17)**, Priscilla & **Bob Dropp (20)** also attended.

Doug Johnston (5) recently was honored by the Center for Strategic and International Studies celebrating the 25th anniversary for his seminal work, *Religion, the Missing Dimension of Statecraft*.

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ May I, as do all our classmates I'm sure, wish you sincere congratulations for this recognition. I read your book many years ago and its principles are still vibrant in my memory. God bless.. —Oz

And from **Chuck Agustin (17)**:

✉ "Congrats Doug!! You deserve it. And as Doug would say: "Oz, Thanks for yours. Interestingly enough, Georgetown U did the same thing on the book's 20th anniversary. Now my overriding goal in life is to live until it's 30th.

Justing, of course, but do appreciate your kind words. Although it came out in '94, the real wake-up call on the need to include religious considerations in our conduct of foreign policy was 9/11. Not an easy task when it had been off the table for so long, particularly during the Cold War when the overriding task was to contain the "Godless" Soviets. Hope you're doing well, brother.
—Doug

From **Bob Dropp (20)** to **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ Oz, a very nice service for Charley last Sunday. Also there - **Grant Plummer (6)**, **Jack Whitely (17)** and others. Barbara seems to be doing quite well. Of course it was emotional for the children. Enclosed, a picture of my latest ride. I'm out probably five days a week. When we talked the other day I was going to tell you about my face-plant off a bicycle but my story pales in comparison to yours!

Vaya con Dios, —Bob

And from **Bob Osmon (17)**:



✉ Bill, If anyone in our class should be designated as a true sportsman, it should be Bob Dropp and his adventurous wife Priscilla. In their lifetimes, they both became certified pilots, learned to SCUBA dive, skied all over the world, owned numerous boats and sailed one for a year after graduation around Mexico, and now ride a Harley in their eighties.

Bob and I served together several times and had our Commander and Captain wetting down parties together. So pleased that both of them are so active as we plunge into our Golden Years. God bless. —Oz

'61

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INTRO: Well, I'm putting this together at the last minute as usual. Connie & I are back up in our PA. digs. It's a nice old place, built just after the Civil War, and upgraded over the years, so it's very comfortable year-round (we use it just for the warmer months, although it has four fireplaces). We're now going to sell it and move permanently to our place in Florida. It's in an extinct volcanic crater (it's been a LONG time since the Appalachians blew their stacks). We have decided to put the old place on the market; we've done some improvements over the years, so selling shouldn't be too hard. I'll miss the woods we live by, the cool mountain air, get-togethers with my PA high school classmates, as well as scrapple, apple pan dowdy, and being close to the USNA football games. Our son and family live nearby in DC, (he works now as the Chief Civil Engineer for the Federal Reserve System; was the former Senior Civil Engineer for the White House), so it will be harder to see him; however, our daughter and her husband live quite near us in Melbourne, FL, as she is now in charge of all NASA launches other than Shuttle supply shots (e.g., Mars and other deep space probes, some far beyond the Solar System, as well as close looks at our other planets; no little green men seen yet). ...Getting back to our place in PA...The backyard runs along an old horse road (now with blacktop), once used by GEN Lee for one of his three columns retreating from Gettysburg. A story goes with this...a few years ago, an elderly local lady down the street noticed what looked like a wart on one of the older trees back of her house. She

had never seen that before, so she called her tree surgeon. At first he refused, saying that trees don't get warts, but she insisted, so he came over. As it turned out, the "wart" was a cannonball imbedded in the tree trunk. Now, we DO have very good local records, so we know who the two young Union soldiers were shooting at the retreating Confederates there, thus we know who shot the tree! Later on during the massive retreat, GEN Lee decided to stop for lunch. We have a photo of where he stopped, right next to a nice big flat rock, perfect for setting up a proper lunch for the General. There is actually an old photo of this with GEN Lee on his horse next to it, and when we compared it to the rock, it's a perfect match! Thus, endeth today's intermingled history, outer space, and civil engineering review...



This interesting look into our sporting past, sent in by **Don Chinn (6)**:

Photo sent by **Don Chinn**. He is with Stacie Michaud (who is in her 21st year at Navy, where she serves as an Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Information. She is the primary media contact for the men's lacrosse, wrestling, golf and squash programs, in addition to serving as the secondary contact for the football program). Don's commentary is:

✉ "A photo from yesterday at the A/N Lax game at Navy. TP Manning (17) and I met up to go to the game. This Tailgate had over 300 Lax alumni and their families. Very large crowd. I have been communicating with Stacie for years but had never met her. She has worked in the Athletic Dept. for 21 years. I asked her if she was coming to the tailgate and asked to meet her. She found me and Teeps sitting at a table in the crowd. Said I looked just like my

photo (don't know from where, maybe Facebook). Anyway, there were only two older Lax players that we knew. Dick Pariseau (60) and Hank Chiles (ADM- subs, 60). Both were on our 1960 team. Dick was the Captain. Too bad we lost the Star game 9-8 in overtime.

Hi Stacie. Thanks again for finding me and giving me an opportunity to meet you. Thanks for your support for NAVY LAX."



This in from **Ed Straw (07)**:

✉ **LTjg Tim Walsh** is the son-in-law of Ed & Chris Straw. **Chris and Ed's daughter Meg** is a **LTjg, Supply Corps** and was ASUPPO on USS Farragut (DDG 99) and is now the Flag Lieutenant to the Admiral commanding the NEX system (headquartered in Virginia Beach). Tim will be going to Oceana NAS to fly the F-18 Super Hornet. The photo shows Ed, Chris, Tim, and Meg.

Lt. j.g. Timothy Francis Walsh, USN, is a native of Weymouth, MA. He is a graduate of the University of Phoenix where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. During Advanced Jet Flight Training he earned one Navy "E" for bombing accuracy. He carrier qualified in the T-45C aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) March 11. Walsh completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven. Before commissioning, Walsh served 10 years as an enlisted Hospital Corpsman.

On Feb. 18, 2010, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Walsh, age 22, was stationed with the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines in Marjah, Afghanistan, when his convoy encountered a 55-pound roadside IED that exploded, injuring Walsh and five Marines.